ONGC's oil production in western offshore

2338. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred question 1687 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th August, 2005 and state:

(a) Status of grant of Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) to ONGC in response to their request in December, 2002; and

(b) The reasons for delay in granting the lease to ONGC for expediting resumption of Production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Pending the finalization of Production Sharing Contract (PSC), the Petroleum Mining Lease could not be issued.

Discovery of oil and gas in Andhra Pradesh

2339. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURALGAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has struck four new oil and gas findings 8 kms. off Amalapuram coast in Andhra Pradesh in two structures namely GS-15-9 and GS-15-10; and

(b) if so, the details of the discovery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has struck oil and gas in the shallow waters of Krishna Godavari basis, about 8—12 kms. off Amalapuram coast in Andhra Pradesh, in two wells viz GS-15#9 and GS-15#10.

(b) The well GS-15 $9 produced oil and gas on production testings. Pressure test carried out in the inverval 1685 m to 1743 m indicated the formation fluid to be gas and oil. Gas samples were collected at 1745 m and 1747.5 m. In well GS-15 # 10 one object in Pliocene section was tested in the intervals 1148-1151.5m, 1169-1170m and 1176-1177m and the well produced gas @ 87,534m3/d at FTHP-1678 psi (Qc/Qw in traces) through 8 mm bean.